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For: **COMPRESSIBLE JAW CONFIGURATION WITH BIPOLAR RF OUTPUT  
ELECTRODES FOR SOFT TISSUE FUSION**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal mailed on October 10, 2008, please  
amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

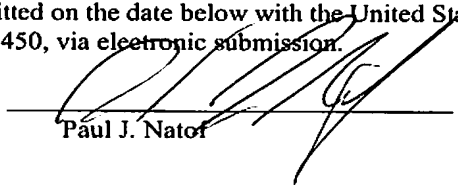
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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